

[REDACTED]

3 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research and Development, DDS&T

FROM : Anthony A. Lapham  
General Counsel

SUBJECT : Proposed Research Project

The author of the attached letter was an acquaintance of mine while I was in private practice. He called me on the phone several months ago and asked whether the Agency would have any interest in the research effort described in the attached letter. I expressed doubt, but said I would circulate the question if he put it in writing. The attached letter is the result. Do you have any potential interest? If, as I strongly suspect, you do not, I will let [REDACTED] down gently.

*Anthony A. Lapham*  
Anthony A. Lapham

Attachment

OGC:AAL  
Original - Addressee w/att  
[REDACTED]

Approved for Release  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

APR 1993



STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA 94035  
(415) 326 6700

6-2-77

May 31, 1977

Anthony Lapham, Esq.  
General Counsel  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Tony:

I am following up on our earlier conversation suggesting that the Office of Research and Development (ORD) might have an interest in hearing and exploring avenues of research in which we are presently engaged.

I would like, if agreeable, to discuss a comprehensive research project on the global UFO phenomenon. Its major elements include

- Collection and analysis of existing policy, both official and undeclared, held by key governments on the UFO phenomenon
- Analysis of selected data and research on the UFO phenomenon
  - Formulation of critical research questions on the phenomenon
  - Assessment of institutional and informal systems for gathering and storing data on the phenomenon
- Assessment of alternative policy strategies on the UFO phenomenon
- Formulation of a national research plan on the UFO phenomenon.

On approval, this project will be executed by a multidisciplinary team at SRI, in collaboration with selected scientific and policy consultants. We anticipate that the analysis of selected UFO data may yield significant insight into dimensions of the UFO phenomenon that have been under-emphasized or overlooked. Policy options will be assessed across an array of potential human values and alternative

2

Anthony Lapham, Esq.  
Central Intelligence Agency

May 31, 1977  
Page 2

"scenarios" for the UFO phenomenon itself. Our product will include a final report, suitable for selected or public release.

By coincidence I will be in Washington, D.C. on June 9 and would be available to meet then. Alternatively, I could meet at any future date of your convenience, given reimbursement of travel expenses.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,

  
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL POLICY

OK